RESOLUTION 09-2006

RESOLUTION TO PUT A LOCAL VEHICLE TAX ON THE JUNE BALLOT

WHEREAS, the legislature has created a local vehicle tax under §61-3-537, MCA which permits the governing body of a county to impose a local vehicle tax on vehicles subject to the registration fee imposed by statute, based upon a rate up to 0.7% of the value determined by MCA §61-3-503; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners has previously used legislative authority to impose the current local vehicle option tax upon vehicles at a rate of 0.5% of the value determined by MCA §61-3-503; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners now wishes to increase the local vehicle option tax by 0.2% to a rate of 0.7% in an effort to adequately maintain priority County services. Additional revenue would be applied towards the Road Department budget for materials and equipment and the Sheriff's office for personnel and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, pursuant to §61-3-537(3), MCA hereby declares a financial need to seek an increase in the local vehicle option tax from 0.5% up to 0.7% and therefore per §61-3-570, MCA the Board of County Commissioners hereby refers this issue to the electorate in the upcoming June election and shall place the question as follows:

LOCAL OPTION VEHICLE TAX

The proposed ballot measure would increase the local vehicle tax on light vehicles from the current rate of 0.5% to 0.7% of the assessed value of vehicles subject to the tax. The increase would apply to light vehicles licensed/re-licensed beginning January 1, 2007. The additional revenue would be applied towards the Road Department budget for materials and equipment and the Sheriff's office for personnel and equipment.

Shall Jefferson County increase the Local Option Vehicle Tax from the current rate of 0.5% to 0.7% on vehicles subject to the tax?

$\ \square$ FOR authorizing Jefferson County to increase the Local Option Vehicle Tax.
□ AGAINST authorizing Jefferson County to increase the Local Option Vehicle
Tax.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2006.

ATTEST:	
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